

Amendment No. 1 to SB1529

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1529*

House Bill No. 2010

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(2) "Academic year" means a period of time beginning with the fall semester and continuing through the following summer semester;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-913, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following subsections:

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) to the contrary, and except as set forth in subsections (c) and (d) and §§ 49-4-919, 49-4-920 and 49-4-941, a student who first receives a Tennessee HOPE scholarship for the fall semester of 2010 or thereafter, may receive the scholarship until the first of the following events:

(1) The student has earned a baccalaureate degree;

(2) The student has attempted at any postsecondary institution a total of one hundred twenty (120) semester hours; or

(3) Five (5) years have passed from the date of the student's initial enrollment at any postsecondary institution.

(c) A student enrolled in an undergraduate degree program required to be more than one hundred twenty (120) semester hours in length may receive a Tennessee HOPE scholarship until the first of the following events:

(1) The student has earned a baccalaureate degree;

(2) The student has attempted at any postsecondary institution the lesser of the number of semester hours required to earn the undergraduate degree or a total of one hundred thirty-six (136) semester hours; or

(3) Five (5) years have passed from the date of the student's initial enrollment at any postsecondary institution.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) to the contrary, the five (5) year and total semester hour limitations for a student who first receives a Tennessee HOPE scholarship for nontraditional students pursuant to § 49-4-931 beginning with the fall semester of 2010 or thereafter shall be based on the sum of years or total semester hours attempted while receiving the Tennessee HOPE scholarship or the Tennessee HOPE scholarship for nontraditional students.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-914, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (c) and by redesignating the subsequent subsection accordingly;

(c) Award amounts for the Tennessee HOPE scholarship, Tennessee HOPE access grant, ASPIRE need-based supplemental award, and the General Assembly Merit Scholar supplemental award as set in the appropriations act shall be allocated equally between each semester of the academic year. Awards to part-time students shall be pro-rated for each semester according to rules promulgated pursuant to § 49-4-912(b) and § 49-4-924.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-920, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(g) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (f) to the contrary, a student who first receives the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship after having received a Tennessee HOPE access grant beginning the fall semester of 2010 or thereafter, may receive the scholarship until the first of the following events occurs:

(1) The student has earned a baccalaureate degree;

(2)

(A) The student has attempted at any postsecondary institution a total of one hundred twenty (120) semester hours; or

(B) If the student is enrolled in an undergraduate degree program required to be more than one hundred twenty (120) semester hours in length, the lesser of:

(i) The number of semester hours required to earn the undergraduate degree; or

(ii) A total of one hundred thirty-six (136) semester hours;

or

(3) Five (5) years have passed from the date of the student's initial enrollment at any postsecondary institution.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-931, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of this section to the contrary, a student who first receives a Tennessee HOPE scholarship for nontraditional students for the fall semester of 2010 or thereafter may receive the scholarship for nontraditional students until the first of the applicable events as outlined in § 49-4-913 occurs.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

49-4-941. Notwithstanding any provision of this part concerning the terminating events for receipt of Tennessee HOPE scholarships, Tennessee HOPE access grants or Tennessee HOPE scholarships for nontraditional students to the contrary, semester hours attempted by a student during summer semester of 2011 for which the student did not receive postsecondary financial assistance from net lottery proceeds shall not be credited against the limitation on the number of semester hours under §§ 49-4-913, 49-4-920 or 49-4-931 that the student may receive such scholarships or grants.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to scholarships and grants awarded for the fall semester of 2011 and thereafter.